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NO YOLK—Virginia Melgosa, 18, fries an egg on car owned by Stan Roth, owner of The Orbit, during the blistering 103-degree heat here Friday. It was hottest temperature recorded in Torrance in three years. Press Photo

It Was a Sizzling 103 Here

A sizzling 103 degree high, the hottest day in three years, was recorded in Torrance Friday.

The mercury climbed from a low of 58 degrees to the maximum temperature recorded at 12:30 p.m.

Fire department officials said that it was still cooler than the 110.5 degrees recorded on Sept. 1, 1955, and not as warm as the 105 degrees on Aug. 31, 1955.

It was the hottest day of 1958, with the previous top of 92 recorded on Sept. 26. Next highest temperatures were reported on April 9 and 20, and on Sept. 7, when the mercury climbed to 90.

A high of 96 degrees was reported Friday at the beaches. Temperatures are recorded at the North Torrance fire station. No reports of heat prostration cases were received.

Brother's Aid Angers Judge

It cost a Torrance man three days in the Inglewood city jail for substituting for his brother on a speeding charge.

Leonard N. McPheeters, 19, of 1564 W. 216th St., appeared for his brother, Bernard, 19, of 1564 W. 250th St., because he didn't want him to lose a day's work.

Apprised of the switch, Municipal Judge Lester O. Luce sentenced Leonard to three days in jail for contempt of court, and Bernard, brought in by a bench warrant, will face trial Oct. 27 on the speeding charge. He was released on \$263 bail.

Huge Vote Gain Here Since June

Torrance has gained 4054 voters, better than 2-1 Democrats, in the past four months.

A total of 41,807 residents are eligible to cast ballots in the November election. Of these, 25,188 are Democrats, and 15,628 are Republicans, according to figures by the Registrar of Voters.

For the June Primary Election, there were 22,404 Democrats and 13,924 Republicans. Lomita has a total of 5932 registered voters. The breakdown here is 4177 Democrats and 1605 Republicans.

'Striking' Councilmen to Return for Action Tuesday

Councilmen who staged an impromptu walk-out Tuesday, will return to this week's meeting to continue selection of four members to the newly created Water Commission.

George Bradford, who left the meeting during a recess called after Nickolas O. Draie and Willys Blount left in a huff, said he would have returned to the meeting to vote on paying the city's bills, but said he did not do so because by that time Councilman Victor Benstead arrived in time to make up the four-man quorum.

Draie, who charged the selection method was "a rigged deal" explained that Tuesday was the first time he had walked out of a meeting in his 10 years on the City Council.

Fair Play
"We voted unanimously for his man, we could have tied the vote. You can stomach just so much," he declared. "There's a little fair play, even in politics," he added.

What set off the tiff among the councilmen was the method used in selecting the five members of the new board.

Bradford, Blount and Draie said that they interpreted the method to mean that the first five names to be drawn from a hat, would automatically be approved.

Each council member had nominated one citizen to the commission.

Poll Council
But Mayor Albert Isen, insisted they had it all wrong. He said that the names should be drawn out of a hat, but that the council be polled on each individual appointment.

Isen said that the way he intended the procedure to be handled, and pointed to the minutes of two previous meetings to back him up.

He referred to the controversy as a "misunderstanding."

But Bradford and Draie said that there is no sense to drawing names out of a hat, if the council majority intends to ram through only their own appointees.

"The way they had it, they would appoint four men, leaving only one chance for the rest of us," Draie said.

Only Member
As of now, only R. P. (Pat) Hogue, president of the South-west Park Civic Association, has been appointed to the commission. He was confirmed by unanimous vote.

What triggered the walk-out was the rejection of Jack E.



R. P. (Pat) Hogue

White, former Airport Commissioner, whose name was the second to be pulled out of the hat.

Isen, Councilmen J. A. Beasley and Robert Jahn, voted against White's appointment, resulting in a tie vote, and therefore rejection.

Benstead was absent during the early part of the evening, and was hastily summoned after the walk-out in order to muster a quorum to pay the city's bills.

Rivierans to Hear Talk on School Bonds

The \$15,000,000 school bond issue will be explained to the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Riviera School, 345 Via Colusa.

Speaker will be S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District.

President William J. Hanson, of the association said that future programs will include topics such as narcotics, tax assessments and water pollution.

A fall dance will be held Oct. 17 at the Redondo Beach Elks Club.

Church Variance Studied

A North Torrance congregation's request to construct a church in a light-manufacturing zone was taken under study by the Planning Commission this week.

Members of the North Torrance Baptist Church asked for a variance to use a sanctuary on the south side of Del Amo Blvd., just east of Hawthorne Blvd.

Objections against the plan were raised by officials of the Roger Jessup Farms, and Emil Zirbes, who said he intends to develop a "kiddyland" near the proposed church site.

Mrs. Vivian Mack, spokesman for the congregation, says they intend to stay only for five years or less until they can find other property.

The letter from the dairy said that problems may arise if the land is used for other than light manufacturing purposes.

The commission finally appointed a committee to determine if a variance might be granted for a two-year period.



SEEKS CLUES—Det. Ralph Walker inspects purses stolen by an agile "cat" burglar for fingerprints. A dozen homes in Hollywood Riviera were broken into while their owners were asleep. Press Photo

Police Dog Caught Napping by Burglar

A "cat" burglar, described as "in phenomenal physical condition," eluded a police search Wednesday night after he looted a dozen Hollywood Riviera homes without disturbing even one of the sleeping occupants. The stocky thief who wore a yatching cap, dark clothing and white sneakers, vanished after dashing between houses and easily cutting pulling over a fence.

Det. Sgt. Mickey Fischer estimated the burglar obtained approximately \$200 after sneaking into nine apartments and three homes.

Not only did none of the human victims wake up, but even a trained police dog failed to be roused by the thief, police said.

Abandons Loot
While the burglar's object was money, he took some clothing, jewelry and even three fish in a goldfish bowl, and abandoned it in front of the home of Al Needle, 414 Paseo de la Playa.

He obtained approximately \$80 from that home, some shirts and other clothes, and ate some of Needle's cookies.

First indication that a thief was looting the neighborhood same when Officers Robert Daly and Thomas Lloyd found a stolen car parked in front of 634 Camino de Encanto at approximately 2:45 a.m.

A search of the car revealed several stolen purses inside, and the officers staked out on the car until the suspect appeared. When he saw the policemen, he sprinted off on foot.

Fast Thief
"He was as fast as a rabbit," Daly said afterwards.

The home in front of which the car was parked was looted of two wallets, containing \$11, its owner, Thomas Kane reported.

Other homes hit by the silent burglar were those of W. T. Bickers, 117 Via del Sol; Carl F. Fossette, 153-B Paseo de la Concha; Erick S. Deibel, 304 1/2 Paseo de la Playa; Hugh Wine-sap, 410 Paseo de la Playa.

Others were Keith Slatore, 149 Paseo de Playa; Robert

Date Set On Court Transfer

Criminal jurisdiction will be granted to the Inglewood Superior Court Nov. 17, but it is not yet determined if Torrance will join that district or be shunted off to Long Beach.

Vernon P. Spencer, chairman of the branch courts committee of the Inglewood Bar Association, said that Presiding Judge Louis H. Burke has approved granting criminal jurisdiction to the Inglewood court for Centinela Valley and South Bay cities.

But under a previous plan, Torrance and Palos Verdes was to be chopped out of the South Bay district and included in the Long Beach district.

Even Young Football Players Now Have Their Own Cheering Section

Seven girls in the Sea-Aire Play Leader Mary Semeraro who said the girls responded enthusiastically when she suggested it to them.

They helped compose a number of yell-punctuated with lots of "rahs" and "rickety-rahs" and worked out leaping, sweeping routines. Copies of cheers are distributed to spectators.

The girls, ranging in age from 7 to 10 years, have formed a cheering section to root the young pigskin heroes on to victory.

Clad in shorts sweaters and waving brightly colored crepe-paper pom-poms, the girls made their debut Saturday when the boys launched their season with games against Wateria Park team.

Formation of the cheering section was the inspiration of

To Return Stolen Photos Victim Asks Thief

An appeal to a thief to return her wallet, stolen while she was in the Torrance branch of the Bank of America Tuesday, was made today by Mrs. Marie W. Tarr, of 23666 Ward St.

She asked that whoever took the billfold, mail it to her because she is anxious to recover pictures of her children, living in Germany, and other identification.

Mrs. Tarr, a German war bride, said the wallet was taken while she was making out a deposit slip at the bank.

Ask Parks be Named After

Consideration should be given to naming city parks after prominent Torrance pioneers, Councilman Nickolas O. Draie suggested this week.

He made the suggestion after the City Council observed a minute of silence in memory of the late Dr. Arthur P. Stevenson, pioneer physician who died last week.

"That's fine, but let's get the parks first," said Mayor Albert Isen, explaining there are now no unnamed parks.

Draie said that perhaps the city should rename some of the parks now named for streets on which they are located.

Residents Plead for Barriers Hearing on Victor Precinct Rezoning Slated for Oct. 22

A meeting of property owners in the Victor Precinct will be called Oct. 22 to determine their feeling regarding rezoning 200 acres for residential use. Planning Director George Powell was granted permission from the Planning Commission to conduct the informal session at a place to be determined later.

Eyed for rezoning from present light manufacturing zoning, is a tract bounded by Henrietta St., Valerie Ave., Del Amo and Torrance Blvds.

The meeting was called as result of a request by R. A. Watt to construct 107 homes on the southwest corner of Emerald and Victor Sts.

Action on approval of the zone change and tract map was held up pending the outcome of the meeting.

Another application taken under advisement, was the application of Tom Aquino to construct a nine-unit apartment building at 24417 Neece Ave.

The request was opposed by the Walteria Civic Organization on the grounds that the apartments would conflict with the rural setting of the area.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week here, starting Oct. 5, was proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen.



CHEERING SECTION—Members of the girls' cheering section help morale of touch football players Roy Johnson and John Mapel, both 10. Girls are from left, Bonnie Posinella, Barbara Litawa, Donna Hall, Judy Hilliker, Debbit Tetreault, Nancy Grogan and Kathy Miller.

Rivierans to Battle Changes In Mail Service, Deny Snobbery

There is no snobishness involved in a move to retain Hollywood Riviera in the Redondo Beach post office district. That was the attitude taken by Robert L. Pearson, chairman of a committee which is mapping strategy to block a transfer into the Torrance Post Office.

"Mail service is good as it is, why disrupt it by changes?" he asked.

He said that about a dozen businessmen and residents are organizing to oppose the change for Torrance mail addresses advocated by Mayor Albert Isen.

Presently Redondo Beach, Gardena, and Lomita post offices serve parts of Torrance.

"It doesn't make any difference that we live in Torrance and get our mail through Redondo Beach," said Pearson.

He also denied that many Hollywood Riviera residents prefer a Redondo Beach address to a Torrance one because it sounds classier.

Pearson pointed out that if addresses are changed, stationery will have to be changed and all senders of letters and magazines will have to be notified.

In the meantime, William Hanson, president of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, said that a committee

will be appointed Oct. 6, in order to get the facts on the proposed change.

"We don't want to become emotional about this—we'll try to be sensible, and get the facts," he said.

Hanson said that he had been assured by Torrance postal officials that mail service will be as good as that of Redondo Beach's if the change is made.

Paul Loranger, chairman of a Torrance Chamber of Commerce committee investigating uniform mailing addresses for all of Torrance, said there is no intention of forcing a change if residents of the area do not themselves wish it.

He said that several Riviera residents have pointed out that opposition to Torrance mailing addresses is spearheaded mostly by Redondo Beach businessmen who reside in Torrance but want the Redondo Beach address for business purposes.

Loranger quoted one Riviera resident as saying:

"If they like Redondo Beach so much, why don't they live in the town where they make their money?"

"Certainly we have no criticism of Redondo Beach or its fine postal service, it's merely that we were asked by residents to investigate why, as resident of our city, they must use another city's address, and we are so doing," Loranger said.